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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

In connection with the Request for Continued Examination filed concurrently herewith, and in response to the Action mailed October 2, 2006, please amend this application as follows.

The Listing of Claims begins on page 2.

The Remarks begin on page 3.